## Tumor-derived antibodies for multifaceted immunotherapeutic targeting of human ovarian cancer

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## IgA and IgG dominate Ab secretion by tumor-associated plasmablasts in most ovarian carcinomas





Plasma cell: CD45+CD3-CD20-CD38+CD138+ Plasmablast: CD45+CD3-CD19+CD20-CD38highCD27high B cell: CD45+CD3-CD19+CD20+

Biswas et al; Nature; 2021

What are the specificities of antibodies produced by TLS<sup>+</sup> tumor-associated B cells?

### **Cloning ovarian cancer-reactive B cells**



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Antibody purification from supernatants

Screening of reactivities using Proteome arrays



Sorting of reactive B cells using tetramerized biotinylated peptides

## Sorting of B cells reacting against extracellular domains using biotinylated peptides



## Expanded B cells reacting against extracellular domains using biotinylated peptides retain specificity



## Tumor-derived IgA antibodies exert immune pressure against tumor growth



## Tumor-derived IgA antibodies exert immune pressure against tumor growth through different mechanisms



## Why irrelevant IgA has anti-tumor activity in an Fc-dependent manner?

## plgR binds polymeric IgA for transcytosis through epithelial cells and luminal secretion



## Most epithelial cancers express PIGR (TCGA)



IgA transcytoses inside pIgR+ ovarian cancer cells (release of secretory component upon incubation with IgA)







Biswas et al; Nature; 2021

Tumor-derived IgA antibodies elicit protective immune responses through antigen-independent and antigen-dependent mechanisms





# What about other histologocal subtypes of ovarian cancer?



-1/10 women will develop endometriosis during their reproductive years

-10-fold increase in probability of developing clear cell ovarian cancer (5-10% of EOC in Western world; 25% in Asia)

-5-fold increase in probability of developing endometrioid ovarian cancer (8-15% of EOC)

-Increased probability of developing HGSOC (~70% of EOC)

Molecules with extracellular domains targeted by Abs derived from endometriosis and endometriosis-associated ovarian cancers



#### OLFML2B

-Amplified in ~5% of other gyn/onc malignancies

-Reported association with short survival in gastric cancer

-Co-expressed with ADAM family metallopeptidases, fibrillar collagen proteins and the fibroblast protein FAP→orchestration of stroma and the extracellular matrix.

#### **SDCBP**

-Elevated in a wide range of cancers, including melanoma and glioblastoma.

-Links syndecan-mediated signaling to the cytoskeleton→Metastatic driver.

-Drives autophagy to prevent anoikis.

-Promotes chemoresistance in colo-rectal cancer.

2 endometriomas (Ponce, PR), 2 stage III clear cell ovarian cancers, 2 stage III endometrioid ovarian cancers

## Generating CAR T cells using scFv sequences from tumor-derived Abs

## Generation of an OR5V1 CAR from BCR sequences clonally expanded at tumor beds





### Tumor-derived OR5V1 CAR T cells abrogate HeLa tumor growth in vivo



In vivo experiment 2, n=5 NSG mice/group

# Generating CAR T cells against other olfactory receptors (OR2H1)

## OR2H1 is expressed in multiple human tumors, but not most healthy tissues (with the exception of testis)

### TCGA (7%-69% of carcinomas)





### OR2H1 CAR T cells abrogate NSCLC growth in vivo



### OR2H1 CAR T cells control OR2H1<sup>low</sup> OVCAR3 (HGSOC) tumor growth





## IND approval for FSHCER T cells targeting FSHR+ ovarian cancer (IND:27225)

## FSH-targeted chimeric receptors re-direct primary human T cells against FSHR+ ovarian cancer cells





IND# 27225:

Autologous CD3+T cells transduced w/ gamma retroviral vector, pMSGV1, for FSHR-specific 4-1BB/CD3 chimeric endocrine receptor expression, Intraperitoneal (IP)/Intravenous (IV) infusion

## FSH-re-directed autologous human T cells effectively target orthotopic patient-derived FSHR+ tumors in vivo (II)

**10e7 AUTOLOGOUS CERT cells IP** 



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## CONCLUSIONS

 $\rightarrow$ T and B cell responses act in coordination in HGSOC.

→IgA elicits antigen-specific and non-antigen-specific (PIGR-dependent) anti-tumor effects in EOC.

→Tumor-derived Abs targeting extracellular molecules abrogate ovarian cancer progression.

→CAR T cells against ovarian cancer can be generated from BCR sequences clonally expanded at tumor beds.

 $\rightarrow$ OR2H1 CAR T cells can target a variety of human cancers.

FSH-targeted T cells expressing chimeric receptors kill established ovarian tumors

